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SUBJ: AFAMEC EXCHANGE PROGRAM: 1974 POSSIBLE F-# TRAVEL  
USTAD MOHAMMED OMAR.

FOR CHAIRMAN, BFS, CU/NEA

1. LORRAINE SAKATA, EX-F-H SCHOLAR, STUDIED AFGHAN ETHNO-  
MUSICOLOGY AS PH. D. CANDIDATE UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON. MET  
USTAD OMAR FOREMOST RABABIST AFGHANISTAN.

2. IN CONJUNCTION U. WASH. AND COMMISSION, SAKATA ARRANGED  
VISITING LECTURESHIP FOR OMAR. COMMISSION PROMOSSED TRAVEL  
GRANT TO SUPPORT THIS.'

3. RABAB SOLELY AFGHAN INSTRUMENT, CREATED AND DEVELOPED  
AFGHANISTAN. U. WASH. HAS STRONG DEP. ETHONOMUSICOLOGY WITH  
VISITING MUSICIANS EVERY YEAR FROM AROUND WORLD AND CONTRACTED  
USTAD OMAR.

4. AT U. WASH. OMAR WOULD TEACH RABAB AND GIVE CONCERTS.

5. OMAR HAS ONLY SIXTH GRADE EDUCATION BUT FROM FAMILY  
CLAIMING THREE GENERATIONS OF AFGHANISTAN'S FOREMOST  
RABABISTS. GOA FEELS OMAR CURRENTLY FOREMOST RABABIST  
IN WORLD.

6. OMAR HAS TRAVELED INDIA WHERE HE STUDIED AND TAUGHT  
MUSIC AND RABAB AND IRAN AT SPONSORSHIP GOA AND GOI TO  
GIVE CONCERTS THERE.

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7. ALTHOUGH OMAR SPEAKS NO ENGLISH NEITHER U. WASH. NOR  
COMMISSION FEEL THIS AN EXTREME HANDICAP AS INSTRUMENTS  
CAN BE TAUGHT BY DEMONSTRATION.

8. COMMISSION HOPES BFS WILL LOOK FAVORABLY ON THIS  
TRAVEL GRANT.  
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